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6. (Amended) A dry measuring test device, comprising a reagent layer comprising a reagent containing a chromogen and a matrix which retains said reagent in the form of a layer, for determining a substance to be measured in a liquid sample by measuring the degree of coloring of the chromogen generated through the reaction between the substance to be measured and the reagent in terms of reflectance of light entered into the reagent layer, wherein a light blocking layer containing light blocking particles in the form of polymer beads embedding the light blocking particles is laminated on the reagent layer.

10. (Amended) The dry measuring text device as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said polymer beads contain as a main component a compound selected from the group consisting of: polymer or copolymer having as a main component monomers selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, ester of these substances, styrene, and alkylstyrene; polyurethane; polyurea; polyethylene; polypropylene; and polyvinyl chloride.

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11. (Amended) The dry measuring test device as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the light blocking particles are contained in an amount of 10 to 70 w/v% based on the total content of the polymer beads, and the polymer beads are contained in the light blocking layer in an amount of 30 to 90wt% based on the total weight of the light blocking layer.

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12. (Amended) The dry measuring device as claimed in Claim 6, wherein an average particle diameter of the polymer beads ranges from 1 to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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B2 13. (Amended) The dry measuring test device as claimed in Claim 6,  
wherein the reagent layer further contains polymer beads embedding the light reflective  
particles.

Cancel Claim 9 without prejudice.

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

**Amendments in the Claims**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c) the following version of the claims as rewritten by the foregoing amendment shows all the changes made relative to the previous version of the claim.

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form:

6. (Amended) A dry measuring test device, comprising a reagent layer comprising a reagent containing a chromogen and a matrix which retains said reagent in the form of a layer, for determining a substance to be measured in a liquid sample by measuring the degree of coloring of the chromogen generated through the reaction between the substance to be measured and the reagent in terms of reflectance of light entered into the reagent layer, wherein a light blocking layer containing light blocking particles in the form of polymer beads embedding the light blocking particles is laminated on the reagent layer.

10. (Amended) The dry measuring text device as claimed in Claim [9] 6, wherein said polymer beads contain as a main component a [high molecular] compound selected from the group consisting of: polymer or copolymer having as a main component monomers selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, ester of these substances, styrene, and alkylstyrene; polyurethane; polyurea; polyethylene; polypropylene; and polyvinyl chloride.

11. (Amended) The dry measuring test device as claimed in Claim [9] 6, wherein the light blocking particles are contained in an amount of 10 to 70 w/v% based on

the total content of the polymer beads, and the polymer beads are contained in the light blocking layer in an amount of 30 to 90wt% based on the total weight of the light blocking layer.

12. (Amended) The dry measuring device as claimed in Claim [9] 6, wherein an average particle diameter of the polymer beads ranges from 1 to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .

13. (Amended) The dry measuring test device as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the reagent layer further contains [the] polymer beads embedding the light reflective particles.

Claim 9 is cancelled.